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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This communication is responsive to the Official Action dated 16 November 2005 (the "Action"), for which a three-month shortened statutory period for response is set for 16 February 2006.

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